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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 2, please insert --This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application PCT/AU99/00195, filed March 19, 1999, which claims priority of Australian Provisional Application No. PP 2499, filed March 20, 1998. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/100,812 and of U.S. Application No. 09/100,813, both filed June 19, 1998---.

On page 4, line 23, before the word "involve" and after the word "to", please cancel the word "be".

On page 15, line 22, before the word "the", please cancel the phrase "Preferably, embodiment," and substitute in its place --In a preferred embodiment,".

On page 74, line Please cancel the word "CLAIMS" and substitute in its place --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.